# News release

## Flood alert for south coast

26 October 2004

Concern over possible coastal flooding in the south-west is being raised by the Met Office and the Environment Agency (EA). Gale force winds, gusting up to 70 m.p.h. associated with an intense depression are forecast to coincide with Spring tides and lead to a heightened risk of flooding along the south coast.

People living along certain parts of the south coast should be prepared to take action to protect themselves and their property. Currently, the area most likely to be affected is from Bournemouth westwards, but the public are encouraged to use the Met Office and EA websites to get the latest information and advice.

Ewen McCallum, Chief Meteorologist at the Met Office said "Although winds will be strong inland, it is the coastal areas that are our biggest concern at the moment and the Met Office is working in partnership with the EA to provide the very best possible service to the public".

Winds will begin to decrease during Friday and the weekend weather forecast is for much calmer conditions.

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